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FROM : AMCONSUL, Hong Kong

DATE: Nov 14, 1962

SUBJECT: Demonstration in Peking in Support of Cuba

REF :

Reuters reports that on November 4, 1962 a million people marched through Peiping in a demonstration backing Cuba's demands against the United States: (An NCA report in the Hong Kong Wen Wei Po says "more than 300,000 people" took part in the demonstration -- this is possibly due to the fact that the latter report was sent earlier in the day than the former because the demonstration continued after dark.) However even the massing of 300,000 people represents the largest protest demonstration held in Peiping since the rally of April 21, 1961 in support of the Cuban people's "struggle against aggression" (by the Cuban exiles). A review of the mass protest rallies held in Peiping during the past two years reveals that the largest ones were:

Date	Purpose	Participants
May 20, 1960	In support of the Soviet Government stand against the U-2 intrusion and against U.S. undermining of the big four summit conference" (NCA reported that a total of 53 million people throughout the country demonstrated)	3,000,000
May 9, 1960	In support of the Japanese People's "struggle against the Japan-U.S. security pact"	1,000,000
April 28, 1960	protest against U.S. fostering of another reactionary regime in South Korea after the fall of Rhee	600,000

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Participants</u>
April 21, 1961	in support of Cuban "anti-aggression struggle"	600,000
Feb. 19, 1961	in protest against the murder of Lumumba	500,000

It is worth noting that rallies in support of Cuba have been constantly growing in size and stiffness since the People's Daily officially pronounced the Chinese Communist line in its October 31 editorial and that the September 15, 1960 anti-U-2 rally had only 10,000 participants.

Attached is a list of the major demonstrations and rallies over the course of the past two years.

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Attachment:

List of demonstrations and  
rallies as stated above.

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20 Oct. 62	Support-Cuba Rally	more than	10,000
1962	National Day Review		500,000
15 Sept. 62	Anti-U.S. Rally	more than	10,000
25 July 62	Anniversary of Cuban Revolution	" "	1,500
26 June 62	Anniversary of DPRK Independence	" "	20,000
1 May 62	May Day Celebration		1,000,000
5 Mar. 62	Meeting Supporting Vietnamese People's Struggle		1,500
12 Feb. 62	Meeting Supporting 2nd Havana Declaration		1,500
30 Dec. 61	Celebration of 2nd Anniversary of Cuban Revolution	not disclosed	
10 Oct. 61	Meeting Commemorating 1911 Revolution	over	10,000
1961	National Day Review		500,000
15 Sept. 61	Rally Welcoming Cuban President		100,000
12 Sept. 61	People Hailing Cuban President's Arrival		500,000
12 Aug. 61	Rally Welcoming Khrushch		100,000
17 Aug. 61	(Shanghai) People Hailing Khrushch's Arrival		300,000
14 Aug. 61	People Welcoming Khrushch's Arrival		500,000
12 Jul. 61	Meeting Welcoming Kim Il Sung	over	10,000
10 Jul. 61	People Hailing Kim's Arrival		500,000
21 June 61	Celebration of 40th Anniversary of CCP	over	10,000
19 June 61	Rally Welcoming Japanese CP Delegation	"	100,000
17 June 61	Rally Welcoming Sukarno		100,000
15 June 61	Hailing Sukarno's Arrival		500,000
14 June 61	Hailing <del>Sukarno's</del> Arrival Pham Van Dong		100,000
21 May 61	Rally Supporting Cuban Anti-Agression Struggle		600,000
11 Feb. 61	Rally Protesting Lumumba's Murder	over	500,000
2 Feb. 61	Rally Supporting Latvian People's Anti-U.S. Struggle	"	1,000
31 Jan. 61	Welcome Return of Chinese Delegation to Cuba	"	1,000
21 Nov. 60	Rally Supporting Congolese People's Struggle	not disclosed	
21 Nov. 60	Rally Welcoming Cuban Economic Delegation		10,000
12 Sept. 60	Rally Welcoming Jekou Toure		100,000
25 Jul. 60	Rally Supporting Cuban People's Struggle	over	10,000
10 Jul. 60	Rally Protesting Against U.S. Intervention in Cuba		3,000
27 June 60	Militia Demonstration for Taiwan Liberation		10,000 militia
26 June 60	Commemoration of Korean War Anniversary		10,000

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